

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed or putrid animal substance.

On August 25, 1925, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

14510. Misbranding and alleged adulteration of buchu leaves, burdock root, and skullcap herb, and misbranding of valerian English, red clover flowers, goldenseal and mandrake root. U. S. v. 5½ Pounds of Buchu Leaves, et al. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 20041, 20042, 20043, 20313, 20318. I. S. Nos. 13546-v, 13547-v, 13549-v, 13550-v, 24932-v, 24933-v, 24937-v. S. Nos. E-5302, E-5422.)

On May 21 and August 7, 1925, respectively, the United States attorney for the Northern District of New York, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 9½ pounds of red clover flowers, 4½ pounds of goldenseal, 4½ pounds of mandrake root, 5½ pounds of buchu leaves, 2½ pounds of burdock root, 4 pounds of skullcap herb, and 5½ pounds of valerian English, alleging that the articles had been shipped by G. S. Cheney Co., Boston, Mass., in various consignments, on or about December 18, 1924, January 15, February 4, and March 16 and 17, 1925, respectively, and transported from the State of Massachusetts into the State of New York, and charging adulteration and misbranding, as hereinafter set forth, in violation of the food and drugs act as amended. The articles were labeled in part, respectively: (Red clover flowers) "An excellent remedy for cancerous ulcers, corns, etc.," (goldenseal) "Invaluable in dyspepsia, erysipelas, remittent, intermittent and typhoid fevers, torpor of the liver, etc.," (mandrake root) "Valuable in jaundice, bilious and intermittent fever, scrofula, syphilis, liver complaint, etc.," (buchu leaves) "Much Used in Kidney and Urinary Disorders," (burdock root) "Used in scorbutic syphilitic scrofulous gout and leprous diseases," (valerian English) "Used in chorea, nervous debility, hysteria, and low forms of fever where a nervous stimulant is required," (skullcap herb) "Valuable in all nervous complaints, chorea, wakefulness, delirium tremens, convulsions, excitability, etc."

Adulteration was alleged with respect to the buchu leaves and burdock root for the reason that they were sold under names recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia and differed from the standard of strength, quality and purity of the official drug, the chemical analyses showing that the former contained 5.23 per cent of ash, and that the latter contained 8.13 per cent of ash. Adulteration of the skullcap herb was alleged for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the National Formulary and differed from the standard of strength, quality and purity as determined by the test laid down in said National Formulary, official at the time of investigation.

Misbranding of the articles was alleged in substance in the libels for the reason that the above quoted statements, borne on the labels of the respective products, regarding their curative and therapeutic effects, were false and fraudulent, since they contained no ingredients or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed. Misbranding of the skullcap herb was alleged for the further reason that the label "Skullcap Herb" was false and misleading, in that said drug was not true skullcap herb.

On August 26 and December 18, 1925, respectively, no claimant having appeared for the property, decrees were entered, adjudging the products misbranded and ordering their condemnation and forfeiture, and it was further ordered by the court that they be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

14511. Adulteration and alleged misbranding of canned tomatoes. U. S. v. 25 Cases of Tomatoes. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture and destruction. (F. & D. No. 19413. I. S. No. 13211-v. S. No. E-5068.)

On December 26, 1924, the United States attorney for the Northern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 25 cases of tomatoes, at Syracuse, N. Y., alleging that the